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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the establishment of  
2 a graduation pathway system, with its potential to strengthen  
3 educational outcomes for higher education students across the  
4 State, is a matter of statewide concern.

5       The purpose of this measure is to direct the University of  
6 Hawaii to explore additional administrative measures to provide  
7 students with guidance to increase the rate of on-time  
8 graduation and authorize the development of a graduation pathway  
9 system, which includes structured, default pathways to  
10 graduation, meta-majors, academic maps, cornerstone classes, and  
11 highly-structured options.

12       SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new section to subpart A of part I to be  
14 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

15       "§304A- Graduation pathway system. (a) The university  
16 shall explore administrative measures to provide guidance to  
17 students to increase the rate of on-time graduation. In  
18 exploring such administrative measures, the university may



1 consider the development of a graduation pathway system to  
2 direct students toward appropriate options to complete a major  
3 course of study, graduate within a reasonable period of time,  
4 and understand the dynamics of the local employment market.

5 (b) If the university elects to develop a graduation  
6 pathway system, the system shall include the following elements:

7 (1) Structured, default pathways wherein upon choosing a  
8 major course of study, students are defaulted into the  
9 required classes they need to complete to graduate  
10 with a baccalaureate degree in that course of study;

11 (2) Meta-majors, which shall include broad clusters of  
12 majors and which shall include breadth requirements  
13 appropriate to the types of majors in each category;

14 (3) Academic maps, including a sequential, prescriptive  
15 schedule of classes for each meta-major and major  
16 course of study;

17 (4) Cornerstone classes that are prerequisites designated  
18 for each semester and which shall be taken in a  
19 recommended sequence and are guaranteed to be  
20 available in the sequence and terms designed in the  
21 academic maps;



1       (5) An intrusive advising model that includes the use of  
2       high school performance and other measures to  
3       recommend broad academic pathways and present default  
4       pathways;

5       (6) A highly-structured option including block schedules  
6       of classes and cohorts of students and where students  
7       choose programs or major courses of study with  
8       mandated class schedules, rather than individual  
9       classes; and

10       (7) Data on the dynamics of the local employment market,  
11       including employment availability.

12       (c) If the university elects to develop a graduation  
13       pathway system, it shall be responsible for the establishment of  
14       policies and procedures designed to support the system."

15       SECTION 3. If the University of Hawaii elects to develop a  
16       graduation pathway system, it shall submit a report to the  
17       legislature on its efforts to explore administrative measures to  
18       provide guidance to students within the University of Hawaii  
19       system to increase the rate of on-time graduation, including  
20       updates on progress toward the development of the graduation



1 pathway system, no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
2 of the regular session of 2016.

3 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and  
6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
7 year 2016-2017 for the purposes of this Act.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
9 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
12 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and  
13 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
14 year 2016-2017 for the establishment of full-time  
15 equivalent ( FTE) permanent positions in the University of  
16 Hawaii systems office for the purposes of this Act.

17 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
18 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

19 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2525.



**Report Title:**

Graduation Pathway System; University of Hawaii; Appropriation

**Description:**

Directs the University of Hawaii to explore administrative measures to provide guidance to students to increase the rate of on-time graduation. Authorizes the development and implementation of a graduation pathway system. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2525. (SD1)

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